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FROM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA MAR 29 RPTED FOR YOUR INFO

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L ALEXANDRIA 0236

CAIRO FOR ALUSNA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, EG
SUBJECT: SECURITY RESTRICTIONS AT ALEXANDRIA

REF: USDAO CAIRO 281327Z MAR 77

1. PARA 6(C) REFTTEL HIGHLIGHTS HIGH LEVEL OF EGYPTIAN SECURITY
CONCERNS. IN THIS CONNECTION, CONGEN REQUESTS SHIP COMMAND
RE-EMPHASIZE IN PRE-VISIT CREW INDOCTRINATION CAUTION IN USE OF
CAMERAS.

2. FISHING (YACHT) HARBOR, WHERE FLEET LANDING WILL BE, SHOULD
NOT BE PHOTOGRAPHED. FYI - HEADLAND FORMING SOUTHEAST CORNER OF
HARBOR IS HIGHLY VISIBLE SAM SITE - END FYI. OTHER AREAS NEAR
RAIL, RADIO, POWER STATIONS, OIL REFINERIES AND SIMILAR INSTALLATIONS
ARE USUALLY POSTED "NO PHOTOGRAPHS", BUT SOME APPARENTLY INNOCENT
AREAS MAY ALSO BE SENSITIVE. RECENTLY FIVE USN VISITORS TO CAIRO
WERE HELD FOR INVESTIGATION SEVERAL HOURS WHEN OBSERVED TAKING
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PICTURES FROM CAR, EVEN THOUGH CAMERA TARGET WAS ONLY DISTANT VIEW
OF PYRAMIDS.

3. IN ADDITION TO SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS, EGYPTIAN ARE SENSITIVE
TO TOURISTS PHOTOGRAPHING EVIDENCES OF POVERTY AND DECAY. ONE
AMERICAN VISITOR WAS HELD SEVERAL HOURS AFTER TRYING TO PHOTOGRAPH
AN APPEALING STREET URCHIN SELLING FRUIT. ANOTHER WAS DETAINED FOR

OVER AN HOUR AFTER TRYING TO PHOTOGRAPH COLORFUL STREET SCENE
WHICH TURNED OUT TO INCLUDE LOCAL HEADQUARTERS OF ARAB LEAGUE.

4. BEST ADVISE IS TO LIMIT PHOTOGRAPHY TO GENUINE TOURIST
ATTRACTIONS AND, WHEN PHOTOGRAPHING COMPANIONS OR NEW FRIENDS
ASHORE, TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE BACKGROUND BEFORE RAISING THE
CAMERA TO MAKE SURE WHAT'S THERE IS NEUTRAL OR INNOCUOUS.
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